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FOR CHIEF OF PROTOCOL EVAN DOBELLE

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SUBJ: FRIENDSHIP FORCE: TRAVEL OF MR. AND MRS. BERT LANCE
TO ITALY

REF: STATE 54785

1. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. GARDNER WOULD LIKE TO INVITE MR. AND MRS. LANCE AND SON DAVID TO FAMILY DINNER AT 8:30 P.M. ON MARCH 10. ALTHOUGH IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT FOR MR. LANCE TO SEE A MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN VIEW OF THE INTNSIVE NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY THIS WEEK TO PUT TOGETHER A NEW GOVERNMENT, AMBASSADOR GARDNER LOOKS FORWARD TO HAVING AN UPDATE ON THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE FROM MR. LANCE.

2. MR. LANCE MIGHT BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT LAST SUMMER REVEREND WAYNE SMITH, PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE, VISITED ROME AND GAVE US A THOROUGH BRIEFING ON THE COMPOSITION AND GOALS OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE. AS A RESULT, WE RECOMMENDED THAT THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE BEGIN ITS ITALIAN EXPERIMENT WITH AN EXCHANGE INVOLVING THE CITY OF GENOA. THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN GENOA SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED AN OUTSTANDING
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GENOESE CITIZEN TO BE THE COORDINATOR FOR THIS EXCHANGE. THE PROJECT IS NOW BEING DEVELOPE, WITH THE BENOA COORDINATOR DIRECTLY IN CONTACT WITH THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE HEADQUARTERS IN ATLANTA; THEY HOPE TO EXCHANGE THE FIRST GROUP OF CITIZENS WITH RICHMOND, VA., DURING THE FIRST HALF OF MAY.

3. ON ARRIVAL, EMBASSY DRIVER WILL BE AVAILABLE AT HILTON

COUNTER ON LEFT AFTER LEAVING AIRPORT CUSTOMS AREA. DRIVER
WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR DEPARTURE, MARCH 11.

4. DO MR. AND MRS. LANCE WISH EMBASSY MAKE HOTEL RESERVATION?
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